

## Report to Transportation Legislation Review Committee

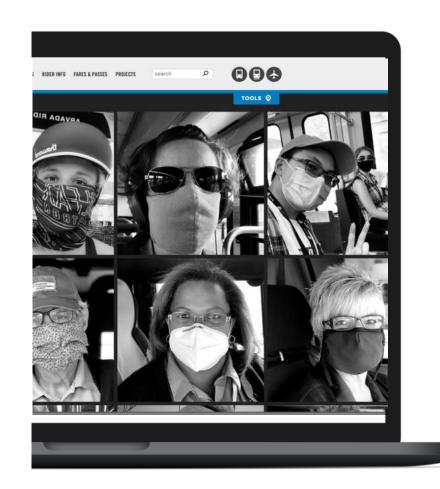
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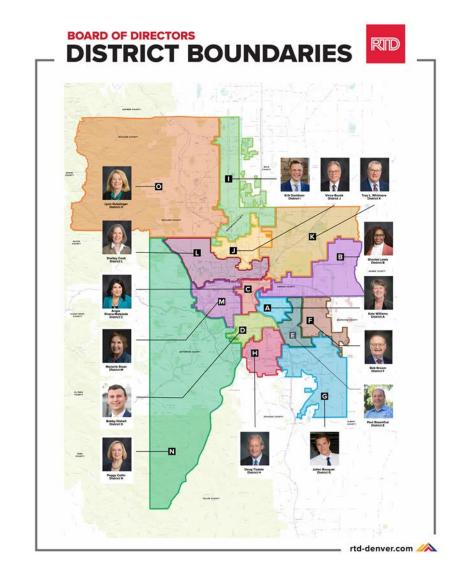
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#### **RTD Overview**

- Created in 1969 by Colorado General Assembly
- Eight-county service area; 2,342 square miles
- 1 percent sales tax
  - 0.6% Base System Operations
  - 0.4% FasTracks
- Primary modes
  - 126 Bus Routes
  - 8 light rail lines
  - 4 commuter rail lines
  - Paratransit
  - Micro Transit



## **Collaborating with the State**

- 2020 State Audit
  - Implementing all recommendations
- Accountability Committee
  - Final report received on July 20, 2021
  - Board action expected August 24, 2021
  - Responses submitted by September 3, 2021 to DRCOG



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## 2021-2026 Strategic Plan

Each element of the plan is strategically aligned so that there is clarity around how work activities and performance metrics impact overall strategic outcomes.

#### MISSION AND VISION



#### SUCCESS OUTCOMES

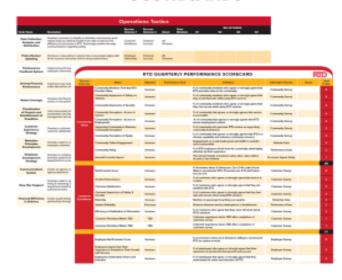


#### ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCE SCORECARDS

We make lives better through connections.

To be the trusted leader in mobility, delivering excellence and value to our customers and community.





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sees value in RTD's spending

## **Road to Recovery**

- Ongoing pandemic
  - Service increasing to 70% of pre-pandemic levels
  - Federal mask requirements in place through September 13, 2021
- Responsible management of federal relief funding
  - One-Time funding to offset loss of revenue
  - Restricted to payroll and operations
  - Available to transit agencies until mid-2024
  - RTD spent/allocated \$435M out of \$774M available
- Maintaining staffing levels
  - Recruiting challenges in service-oriented environment



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## **Re-Starting Reimagine RTD Process**

#### System Optimization Plan (SOP)

- Redesign services to balance mobility needs and fiscal limitations
- Initial implementation occurred with adoption of January 2021 Service Change

#### Mobility Plan for the Future

 Identify long-term strategies (now–2050) to address region's future mobility needs



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#### **Board Approved April, 20 2021**



#### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**













**Mobility** 

Provide safe, reliable transportation service to improve the quality of life of residents, customers, and visitors.

**Equity** 

Remove barriers to accessing transportation services that enable customers to have the freedom to get where they want to go.

#### **Financial**

Leverage resources and maximize cost efficiencies, serving as a good steward of taxpayer dollars.

#### **Partnerships**

Pursue partnerships with both public and private organizations that can help identify innovative opportunities to enhance mobility throughout the region.

#### Workforce

Foster a dynamic, diverse workforce that promotes engagement and innovation, recognizing team members as RTD's greatest asset.

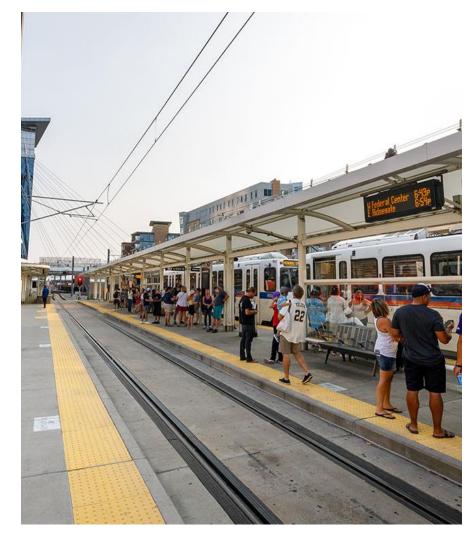
Sustainability

Provide sustainable

mobility options
while continually
seeking to reduce
RTD's
environmental
impact.

## **Fare Study and Equity Analysis**

Months	Activity
June – July 2021	<ul> <li>Conducted internal staff and external community engagement, focused on customers and key stakeholders, to shape scope of work</li> </ul>
August – September 2021	Develop and advertise scope of work
October – November 2021	<ul> <li>Select consultant and notice to proceed</li> <li>Finalize Board direction for fare revenue assumptions and targets</li> </ul>
January 2022 – October 2022	<ul> <li>Conduct data collection, analysis, and develop recommendations</li> <li>Conduct comprehensive community and stakeholder outreach including extensive Board involvement and input</li> </ul>
October – November 2022	Board decision making and approval of equity analysis
2022/2023 (6 months)	<ul> <li>Fare change start up/prep work/back of office</li> </ul>
2023	Implementation



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# Thank you.

